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Half-Marathons in Vegas: Swooning, Elvis, Marriage And Probably a T-Shirt

A San Francisco doctor says a woman he revived in Las Vegas was surprised to see an Elvis treating her. Claudio Palma was still dressed as Elvis after Sunday's Rock 'n' Roll half-marathon when he aided a runner who passed out at a burger joint. He and his wife married at a run-thru chapel during the race. (AP)

"Then, if they ask why Santa is so jolly, I joke that it's because I know where all the naughty boys and girls live."

— **JOHN TOOMEY,** A SAN FRANCISCO MACY'S SANTA, EXPLAINS THE HUMOR THAT GOT HIM FIRED AFTER 20 YEARS.

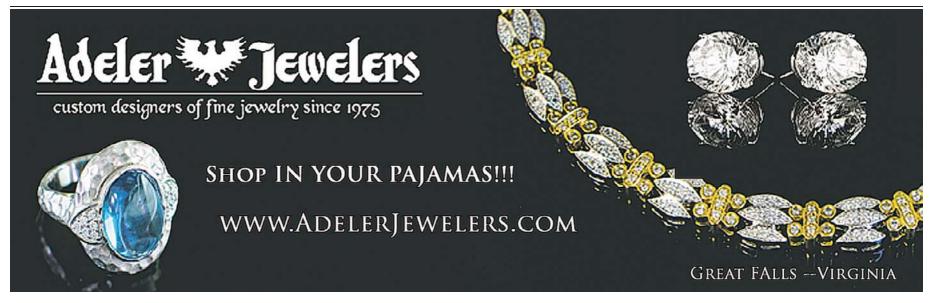
Europe Shocked At America's Latest Failure



Police are investigating the vandalism of several of the 45 giant snails displayed in Miami Beach, Fla., as part of an international art fair. So far, at least eight have been targeted, including one that was thrown into Biscayne Bay. Several others were tagged with graffiti. The snails have previously been on exhibit in Rome and Paris. Their handler says there has never been a situation like the one in Miami Beach. (AP)



A GIANT-PANDA RESEARCHER — dressed as a giant panda — retrieved a 4-month-old cub in the Wolong Giant Panda Reserve Center in Wolong, China, for a physical exam Friday before the cub was released into the wild as part of a local breeding program. (AP)



Nation

A Portrait of Forthright Dignity

Author and political spouse Elizabeth Edwards dies at 61

Chapel Hill, N.C.

Elizabeth Edwards, who closely advised her husband in two bids for the presidency and advocated for health care even as her own health and marriage publicly crumbled, died Tuesday after a six-year struggle with cancer. She was 61.

She died at her North Carolina home surrounded by her three children, siblings, friends and her estranged husband, John, the family said.

"Today we have lost the comfort of Elizabeth's presence, but she remains the heart of this family," the family said in a statement. "On behalf of Elizabeth, we want to express our gratitude to the thousands of kindred spirits who moved and inspired her along the way. Your support and prayers touched our entire family."

She was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004, in the final days of her husband's vice presidential campaign. The Democratic John Kerry-John Edwards ticket lost to incumbent George W. Bush.

John Edwards launched a second bid for the White House in





Elizabeth Edwards hugs her son, Jack, during the 2008 presidential campaign.

Cancer Battle

Elizabeth Edwards shared with the public the most intimate struggles of her bout with cancer, writing and speaking about the pain of losing her hair, the efforts to assure her children about their mother's future and the questions that lingered about how many days she had left to live. (AP)

Political Battles

Edwards had focused in recent years on advocating health care reform, often wondering aloud about the plight of those who faced the same of kind of physical struggles she did but without her personal wealth. President Obama called her a tenacious advocate for fixing the health care system and fighting poverty. (AP)

2007, and the Edwardses decided to continue even after doctors told Elizabeth Edwards that her cancer had spread.

The couple separated in January after he admitted fathering a child with a campaign videographer.

President Obama said he spoke

"Either you push forward with the things you were doing yesterday, or you start dying [and] let cancer win before it needed to. I don't want to do that. I want to live."

— **ELIZABETH EDWARDS,** TO CBS NEWS ANCHOR KATIE COURIC IN 2007.

to John Edwards and the Edwardses' daughter, Cate, on Tuesday afternoon to offer condolences.

"In her life, Elizabeth Edwards knew tragedy and pain," Obama said in a statement. "Many others would have turned inward; many others in the face of such adversity would have given up. But through all that she endured, Elizabeth revealed a kind of fortitude and grace that will long remain a source of inspiration." (AP)



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next few months will be the best time for hiring since the financial crisis erupted.

Nation

Rise in job openings

gives some optimism

That should come as some comfort to job-seekers, especially after last week's report that the unemployment rate rose to 9.8 percent in November and the economy added a scant 39,000 jobs.

Recruiters say the data, taken together, suggest job hunters should keep plugging away. Yes, it's a tight labor market and many hiring man-

On the Hunt

Businesses and the government advertised nearly 3.4 million jobs at the end of October. Overall, the number of advertised jobs has increased by about 1 million, or 44 percent, since the low point of July 2009, a month after the recession ended. But openings are still far below the 4.4 million advertised in December 2007, when the recession began. (AP)

Economy's Hopeful Sign

agers take time off over the holidays. But so do many job-seekers.

"That can work to the advantage of a job-seeker who doesn't take a break, who really keeps going," said Jennifer Schramm, a spokeswoman for the Society for Human Resource Management.

Analysts say job openings are a good indication of the hiring picture ahead because it can take up to three months to fill most jobs. CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER (AP)



Dropping the Call: AT&T Inc. is the nation's worst cell-phone service provider, according to Consumer Reports. The magazine, known for independent testing of consumer products, said AT&T came in last behind top scorer U.S. Cellular, Verizon Wireless, Sprint and T-Mobile also scored higher than the exclusive service provider of Apple Inc.'s popular iPhone. It was the only carrier rated by the magazine whose overall satisfaction level fell this year. (AP)



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Nation

Aspirin Could Cut Cancer Deaths

Experts urge caution, adding study doesn't warrant starting drug

Health

A new report from British scientists suggests that long-term, low-dose aspirin use may modestly reduce the risk of dying of certain cancers, though experts warn the study isn't strong enough to recommend healthy people start taking a pill that can cause bleeding and other problems.

In a new observational analysis published online Tuesday in the medical journal Lancet, Peter Rothwell of the University of Oxford and colleagues looked at eight studies that included more than 25,000 patients and cut the risk of death from certain cancers by 20 percent.

While some experts said the analysis adds to evidence of aspirin's potential to cut cancer risk,

By the Numbers

The British researchers for the aspirin study said that the projected risk of dying from cancers like lung and prostate after two decades would be 20 percent lower in groups who had taken aspirin and 35 percent lower for people with gastrointestinal cancers like colon cancer. These odds are figured from smaller numbers — there were 326 lung cancer deaths in all, for example. (AP)

others said it falls short of changing advice to healthy people, and it failed to show the benefits apply equally to women. Scientists said it would take some time to digest the study results.

"I definitely think we wouldn't want to make any treatment decisions based on this study," said Dr. Raymond DuBois, a cancer prevention specialist at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. MARIA CHENG (AP)

Remembering the Pearl Harbor Attack



A U.S. MARINE FIRING DETAIL STANDS at attention on Tuesday during a service in honor of the 69th anniversary of the Japanese attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu in Hawaii.

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World

Court Battle Looms for Assange

Denied bail in UK, WikiLeaks founder is facing extradition

London

Julian Assange, the founder of the WikiLeaks website whose release of sensitive U.S. documents on the Internet has generated outrage and embarrassment in official circles, now faces an extradition battle after he was denied bail Tuesday by a British court.

Assange, who had been in hiding for weeks before surrendering, was arrested Tuesday by British police on a Swedish warrant for allegations of sexual assault. He has denied the accusations.

British Judge Howard Riddle



Julian Assange is taken on Tuesday to a court in London after his arrest.

ordered the 39-year-old Australian held pending an extradition hearing scheduled for Dec. 14.

Assange's attorney, Mark Stephens, said he was notified Monday that a Swedish arrest warrant had been delivered to British authorities and that Stockholm was seeking his extradition. Under European law, extradition between two EU members - such as Britain and Sweden — is a faster, less legally complicated process, making bids to halt extradition difficult.

Assange's legal team may try to fight extradition on human rights grounds — including that Assange could be deprived of his liberty in Sweden and that the media attention would make it even more difficult for him to have a fair trial.

If Assange loses, he would face extradition to Sweden within 10 days. However, he has the right to appeal, which could drag on for months, said Karen Todner, senior managing partner at London's Kaim Todner law firm.

Todner said that even if Assange wins, the warrant would still apply in other European countries, limiting the places he could travel.

She also said that British laws mean it would not be difficult for the U.S. to extradite Assange. If Assange is extradited to Sweden, he could still be vulnerable to U.S. extradition requests. (THE WASHINGTON POST/CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

In Brief



Officials inspect the site of a bombing at a Hindu site in India on Tuesday.

NEW DELHI

Hindu Holy Site Attacked

Islamist militants are being blamed for an explosion that killed at least one person and wounded more than 20 others at one of Hinduism's holiest sites Tuesday evening. Police said a bomb was hidden on stairs leading down to the Ganges River. (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

Irish Lawmakers Agree To \$8B in Cuts, Taxes

Lawmakers narrowly approved tax hikes Tuesday as part of Ireland's most brutal budget in history, a \$8 billion slash-andtax plan imposed as a key condition of the nation's international bailout. Finance Minister Brian Lenihan's plan contains \$6 billion in spending cuts and \$2 billion in tax rises. (AP)

JIUTEPEC, MEXICO

U.S. Officials Meet Boy Accused of Drug Killings

U.S. Embassy officials met with a 14-year-old accused of being a drug cartel assassin to check on his welfare and provide him with information on a lawyer in case he is an American, a spokesman said Tuesday. The boy, who became a kind of urban legend in Mexico by claiming he killed at least four people, says he was born in the U.S. (AP)

Japan's Venus Probe Reaches Planet, Stalls

A Japanese space probe sent to Venus shut itself down Tuesday, and its future looks as hazy as the planet it was built to study. It sent signals indicating it is alive, but it was not transmitting data. (AP)

Timeline to Trouble

WikiLeaks rose to prominence this year by releasing troves of U.S. documents on the Afghan and Iraq wars, and due to the spotlight on founder Julian Assange this summer when two Swedish women accused him of rape. (AP)

NOVEMBER

Nov. 24: Swedish appeals court upholds a court order to detain Assange for questioning about rape allegations.

Nov. 28: WikiLeaks releases 250.000 classified U.S. diplomatic cables, blames site outage on a hacker attack.

Nov. 30: Attack renders WikiLeaks inaccessible for hours in the U.S. and Europe. Assange files another appeal against the Swedish court order to detain him.

DECEMBER

Dec. 1: Amazon. com servers drop WikiLeaks, China blocks WikiLeaks. Sweden issues an arrest warrant for Assange

Dec.3: An American domain name service provider deactivates WikiLeaks.org.

Dec. 4: PayPal cuts off WikiLeaks' account to collect donations. France moves to oust Wikil eaks from French servers.

Dec. 5: WikiLeaks moves to Swiss website address.

Dec. 6: Swissbank Dec. 7: closes Assange's account. WikiLeaks surrenders. reveals sites that U.S. officials call "critical" to U.S. security.

Assange and a U.K. court denies him hail.

Antiques



JOHN JAMES AUDUBON'S

"Birds of America." his 19thcentury masterpiece, sold for almost \$10.3 million at a London auction Tuesday, making it the world's most expensive book. Audubon's much-celebrated work contains 435 hand-colored illustrations in a rare blend of art, natural history and craftsmanship. (AP)

China Unveils Own Peace Prize

Beijing

Only three weeks after the idea was first publicly floated, China has cobbled together its own peace prize and plans to award it Thursday — the day before the Nobel



Liu

Committee honors an imprisoned Chinese dissident in a move that has enraged Beijing.

Since Liu Xiaobo's selection. China has vili-..... fied the democra-

cy advocate and launched a campaign to persuade countries not to attend Friday's ceremony in Oslo. The government is also prevent-

The number of countries China has persuaded to join its boycott of the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony on Friday in Norway. The list includes Pakistan, Venezuela, Cuba, Saudi Arabia and Iran. (AP)

ing Liu and his family members from attending.

The Confucius Peace Prize was

Taiwan's former vice president and the honorary chairman of its Nationalist Party, for having "built a bridge of peace between the mainland and Taiwan."

Chan was chosen from among eight nominees — some of whom are regularly mentioned for, or have won, the Nobel: billionaire Bill Gates, former South African president Nelson Mandela, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and former U.S. president Jimmy Carter.

"The Nobel Prize is not a holy thing that we cannot doubt or question," said Liu Zhiqin, the Beijing businessman who suggested the prize, which comes with a \$15,000 purse. (AP)

created to "interpret the viewpoints of peace of [the] Chinese [people]," the award committee said in a statement released

The first honoree is Lien Chan.



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World

Success Seen in Marjah

Fight is nearly over in Afghan Taliban bastion, general says

Washington

A senior Marine general in Afghanistan on Tuesday declared the battle in the southern Taliban stronghold of Marjah "essentially over."

The declaration comes 10 months after thousands of U.S.-led NATO troops stormed the cluster of farming hamlets to oust the insurgents and cut off their income from the drug trade.

The campaign took longer than NATO officials had hoped and underscored the complexity of trying to wrest control of an area where Taliban influence remained strong.

Maj. Gen. Richard Mills spoke to reporters at the Pentagon on Tuesday via video link from Afghanistan and said the enemy



Meanwhile...

President Obama is evaluating his Afghan war strategy since committing 30,000 more U.S. troops last year. The report, which could be made public next week, was expected to cite modest gains against the Taliban while noting that the military has not completely secured even small districts in southern Afghanistan—a necessary milestone before U.S. troops could begin pulling out in significant numbers. (AP)

has been pushed to the outskirts of the area, where insurgents come in from the desert to take "the odd shot at us." In the more populated areas, Mills said, Afghan police are mostly providing the security on their own.

Mills said tough fighting continues in other parts of Helmand province, including Sangin district, where Marines have taken over a bloody battle from British forces.

He vowed an "aggressive win-

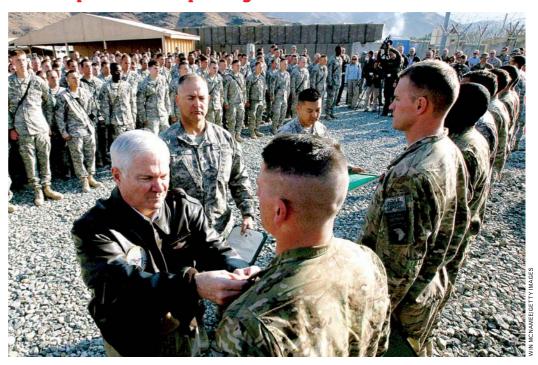
ter campaign" to blunt the potential of a revival by the Taliban next spring.

"We will give them no rest," Mills said.

Mills declined to say how soon it might be before U.S. troops could be withdrawn in significant numbers from Helmand province, noting that heavy fighting continues in some areas outside Marjah.

President Obama has already said that a reduction must begin next July. ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

Gates Surprises U.S. Troops in Afghanistan



U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT GATES PINS combat badges on American troops on Tuesday at a base in Afghanistan's Kunar province. Tuesday's visit was part of Gates' larger tour of the region to assess progress. Gates will likely provide key last-minute insight into the Afghan war as the Obama administration finalizes its strategy review. (AP)

World

Report: UN Brought Haiti Cholera

Outbreak originated with peacekeepers, French scientist says

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

A contingent of U.N. peacekeepers is the likely source of a cholera outbreak in Haiti that has killed at least 2,000 people, a French scientist said in a report obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Epidemiologist Renaud Piarroux concluded that the cholera originated in a tributary of Haiti's Artibonite river, next to a U.N. base outside the town of Mirebalais. He was sent by the French government to assist Haitian health officials in determining the source of the outbreak, a French Foreign Ministry official said Tuesday.

"No other hypothesis could be found to explain the outbreak of a cholera epidemic in this village ... not affected by the earthquake earlier this year and located dozens of kilometers from the coast and [tent] camps," he wrote in a report that has not been publicly released.

The report also calls for a further investigation of the out-



A girl suffering from cholera rests on Tuesday at a clinic in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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The number of people who have been killed in Haiti after being accused of using magic to spread cholera. Fear of the fast-spreading disease continues to spur riots and unrest in the island nation. (AP)

break, improved medical surveillance and sanitation procedures for U.N. peacekeeping troops, and better support for Haitian health authorities.

U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said that there is still no conclu-

sive evidence that its base was the source of the outbreak.

Piarroux could not prove there was cholera inside the base or among the soldiers, but he also hinted strongly at a cover-up.

The report is the first scientific study linking the U.N. base to the epidemic, though many public health experts have said for weeks that the soldiers are the most likely source of the infection.

In roughly six weeks, the disease has sickened nearly 100,000 people. The U.N. says that up to 650,000 people in Haiti could get cholera over the next six months. (AP)



Nigeria: Cheney Tied to Oil Plot

Lagos, Nigeria

Nigeria's anti-corruption agency on Tuesday charged former U.S. vice president Dick Cheney over a bribery scheme involving oil services firm Halliburton Co. during time he served as its top official, a spokesman said.

The charges stem from a case involving as much as \$180 million allegedly paid in bribes to Nigerian officials, said Femi Babafemi, a spokesman for the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

Halliburton and other firms allegedly paid the bribes to win a contract to build a \$6 billion liquefied natural gas plant in Nigeria's oil-rich southern delta, he said.



Dick Cheney resigned as Halliburton's CEO in 2000 to run on the GOP ticket.

Terrence O'Donnell, a lawyer representing Cheney, denied the allegations.

Halliburton spokeswoman Tara Mullee Agard said the company had not seen the new charges Tuesday but said the company had nothing to do with the project. (AP)

Hearsay

"Against whom else could such a defense be intended? Against Sweden, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, against polar bears, or against the Russian bear?"

— DMITRY ROGOZIN, RUSSIA'S AMBAS-SADOR TO NATO, SPEAKING TUESDAY ABOUT NATO'S SECRET DEFENSE PLAN FOR ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA, WHICH CAME TO LIGHT THROUGH LEAKED U.S. MEMOS. RUSSIA WILL ASK NATO TO REPEAL THE PLAN WEDNESDAY Free online meetings at join.me

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Dulles Rail Audit Sought

Va. lawmaker is looking for an outside monitor of second phase of project

Rep. Frank R. Wolf, R-Va., whose district encompasses much of the route for the new Metrorail extension into Loudoun County, is requesting that the agency overseeing construction of the line bring in an outside auditor to monitor design and construction of the second phase of the project.

The 23-mile extension of the Washington region's subway to Dulles International Airport and beyond is being constructed in two phases: a section from East Falls Church to Wiehle Avenue, which is scheduled to open in 2013; and a leg from Wiehle Avenue to Ashburn in eastern Lou-

Street Closings

The National Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday on the Ellipse, south of the White House. 15th Street from Pennsylvania/E Street NW to Constitution Avenue and 17th Street from New York Avenue NW to Constitution will be closed beginning at about 4:30 p.m. through the end of the event.

doun County. Phase 2 is slated to open in 2016.

In his letter addressed to Charles D. Snelling, chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's board of directors, Wolf said, "I do not want the Dulles rail project to become Virginia's version of the 'Big Dig,'" a Massachusetts highway and tunnel project that eventu-

ally grew from an estimated \$2.6 billion to cost more than \$22 billion, including interest.

The first phase of the so-called Silver Line Metrorail extension is costing \$2.75 billion, according to the authority, which is managing construction. Estimates for the second phase have grown to as much as \$4 billion, depending on the location of a station at Dulles airport. Phase 2 of the project is scheduled to be put out for bid in 2011.

"This auditing group would serve the same function as an 'inspector general' in a federal agency who conducts independent ... investigations that identify and prevent waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement," Wolf wrote. MICHAEL D. BOLDEN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

METRO PULSE

George W. Bush just revealed that he uses Facebook. Any tips for him?



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D.C. Rejects Tax Increase

Council votes against proposal to prevent cuts to social services

Washington

The D.C. Council voted 8-5 on Tuesday to reject a pair of proposals to raise income taxes to prevent deep cuts to many social service programs, including those that help low-income residents pay for childcare and rent.

In successive votes, the council voted against a proposal by council member Tommy Wells, D-Ward 6, that would have raised the income tax on any resident who makes \$75,000 or more. The council later rejected a proposal by council members Michael Brown, I-At Large, and Jim Graham, D-Ward 1, to raise income taxes only on residents who make more than \$200,000.

During a heated exchange, council members traded verbal jabs over whether taxpayers should be



Mayor-elect Vincent Gray said D.C.'s financial situation "is in dire straights."

asked to contribute more to help close a \$188 million shortfall.

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray, a Democrat and the incoming mayor, said he prefers that the council consider taxes in the spring, when he and the council will try to close a \$440 million gap in the fiscal 2012 budget.

But council members Harry Thomas, D-Ward 5, and Marion Barry, D-Ward 8, joined Wells, Graham and Brown in voting to raise taxes. During the debate, several members accused their colleagues of not caring about the city's poor.

"People say this is about soaking the rich, but lets be clear: The budget before us soaks the poor, and if you had a choice between soaking the rich and soaking the poor, which would you accept?" Graham asked.

Gray, who headed the city's Department of Human Services in the 1990s, was visibly irritated by suggestions that opponents of higher taxes did not care about the poor.

"To have to address the cuts we are addressing is a very, very painful experience to me," Gray said. "There is not going to be anyone out in the street."

But Gray said the "District of Columbia is in dire straights," so tough decisions need to be made. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Virginia

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Weather Delays Opening of ICC

Silver Spring, Md.

Recent rain and this week's cold snap have slowed construction on the Intercounty Connector, pushing the opening of the highway's first 7.2-mile segment to early next year instead of this month, an ICC spokesman said Monday.

ICC officials had hoped the 18.8-mile highway's first segment, between Interstate 270 in Gaithersburg and Georgia Avenue in northern Silver Spring, would open by late 2010 or early 2011. Spokesman Ray Feldmann said 94.7 percent of the first section's work was complete as of Friday. Much of the remaining work, particularly paving, however, requires dry weather and higher temperatures, he said.

"There's too much work left to do and not enough days left in December to do it," Feldmann said.



ICC officials say 94.7 percent of the highway's first 7.2-mile segment is complete.

"Not a lot needs to be done," he said. "It's just a question of when can we do that other 5.3 percent?"

This week's freezing temperatures added to the delays, which began last year during an unusually rainy spring, summer and fall, followed by record snowfall in the winter, ICC officials have said.

ICC project director Melinda Peters has been monitoring the work daily to see whether crews could finish by late this month, but she recently concluded that too much paving and electrical work remains, along with installation of many signs, Feldmann said. KATHER-INE SHAVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Cover Story

Obama's Self-Defense

Fiery president comes out swinging against critics of his tax-cut compromise

Washington

His political credibility on the line, President Obama testily defended his willingness to choose compromise over combat with Republicans on Tuesday, lecturing fellow Democrats not to be "sanctimonious" purists.

Sensitive to charges of caving on bedrock principles, he said he welcomed fights with the GOP ahead of his 2012 re-election bid.

"I will be happy to see the Republicans test whether or not I'm itching for a fight on a whole range of issues," Obama said. "I suspect they will find I am. And I think the American people will be on my side."

The subject was taxes, who would or wouldn't keep Bush-era reductions come Jan. 1. But for Obama, barely a month after disastrous congressional losses to the Republicans, there was a lot more to it.

What emerged Tuesday was a portrait of a president determined to show he's not a weak, irrelevant capitulator — the kind of image that, if it becomes part of a lasting narrative, could derail his presidency and re-election bid.

In the past few days, Obama has tried to recover from the midterm elections by showing deference to his opponents, angering allies in the process.

The key moment came Monday, when he announced a deal with Republicans that would extend tax cuts to all taxpayers for two years, after long insisting that upper-income Americans did not need the help and the nation couldn't afford it. Though he won a number of concessions from Republicans, congressional Democrats were left bristling.

Besides the tax deal, he also disappointed labor by calling last week for a freeze on federal wages. And he has insisted that the Senate take up a nuclear arms treaty ahead of other Democratic priorities.

It's a template for a new Washington relationship after two years of relying on Democratic muscle to pass the



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- PRESIDENT OBAMA, CRITICIZING OPPONENTS OF HIS COMPROMISE WITH REPUBLICANS

health care overhaul and other of his signature initiatives.

For Obama, this political pirouette could be both risky and unruly, causing chaos within his own party while requiring the support of Republicans who are openly seeking to make him a one-term president.

Obama's news conference was meant not just to lobby for the agreement he made with Republicans but to lobby for himself as a leader who hasn't lost sight of what he called the north star: "What is helping the American people live out their lives?"

Pressed on why he wasn't able to keep from getting so boxed in, Obama called out Republicans for ideological

Hot Over the Deal



Angry Democratic leaders demanded changes in the White House's tax deal while Republicans aligned themselves with the president

Tuesday. Liberal Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., pledged to "do everything I can to defeat this." The deal includes an extension of expiring Bush-era tax cuts for all incomes—not just for lower- and middle-income tax-payers, as Dems wanted. It also contains a renewal of jobless benefits due to expire in a few weeks, and a one-year cut in Social Security taxes paid by workers. (AP)

rigidity on tax cuts for the rich ("This is their holy grail") and Democratic lawmakers for not acting earlier ("I would have liked to have seen a vote before the election").

Obama was so determined to show his toughness, in fact, that he compared Republicans on Tuesday to hostage-takers willing to do serious harm — to Americans.

In an echo of his 2008 campaign, Obama sought to define himself as a doer, not a partisan fighter. And he signaled a more incremental governing style, recalling the birth of Social Security and Medicare as far more modest proposals than they are now.

During his news conference, Obama's bring-it-on defiance to all skeptics brought a smile from his spokesman, Robert Gibbs, who sat a few feet away from his boss.

"Take a tally," Obama said. "Look at what I promised during the campaign. There's not a single thing that I've said that I would do that I have not either done or tried to do." (AP)



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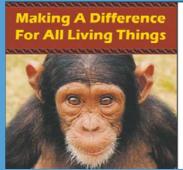


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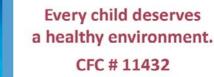


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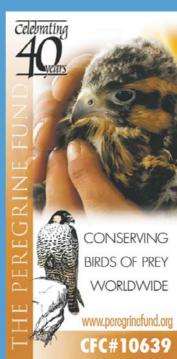




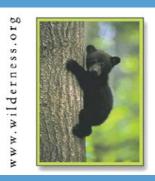












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Sports

The Breaking Point

Shanahan gives up on Haynesworth with suspension

The Redskins

Simmering all year, the antagonism between Albert Haynesworth and Mike Shanahan finally reached the boiling point Tuesday when the two-time All-Pro defensive lineman was suspended by the Redskins coach without pay for the rest of the season.

Citing a litany of acts that essentially add up to season-long insubordination, the Redskins suspended Haynesworth for "conduct detri-

"Despite the club's numerous attempts to persuade Albert Haynesworth to abide by the terms of his contract, he has ... refused to cooperate."

- REDSKINS COACH MIKE SHANAHAN

mental to the club" and told him he's not welcome for the team's final four games - and making it extremely unlikely he will play for the club again. Haynesworth's agent said he will appeal.

It wasn't hard to see this coming. Haynesworth and Shanahan have



Albert Haynesworth's time with the Redskins appears to be over, after the team suspended him for the rest of this season.

been going at it almost from the day the hard-nosed coach who won two Super Bowls in Denver was hired by the Redskins in January.

Haynesworth skipped offseason workouts because he didn't want to play nose tackle in the 3-4 defense the new coaches were installing, preferring instead to play in a scheme that would showcase his talent and help achieve his goal of becoming "the best defense tackle to ever play this game." Shanahan told Haynesworth to go find another team, contingent upon giving up a \$21 million contract bonus due on April 1.

Haynesworth didn't want to

Last Straw

Last week, Albert Haynesworth had a lackluster practice on Thursday, was late for a meeting on Friday and was also limited at Friday's practice because of an unspecified illness. Haynesworth denied a report that he appeared "hung over" at practice. Coach Mike Shanahan deactivated him for Sunday's game. (AP)

give up that much money, so he stayed on the roster and remained disgruntled. He boycotted a mandatory minicamp, drawing a \$10,000 fine and searing comments about

being "selfish" from defensive captain London Fletcher. He became a punch line when he needed 10 days to pass a conditioning test at the start of training camp. Eventually, he played in the regular season, but only passing downs.

By suspending Haynesworth instead of releasing him, the Redskins prevent him from a chance to play for a contender late in the season. However, it seems almost certain that the Redskins will have to try to trade Haynesworth in the offseason, although his trade value will have plummeted because it's clear Shanahan won't want him back. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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Shanahan Should Have Acted Sooner

In 2001, a year that changed the direction of the Redskins, Marty Schottenheimer knew he inherited trouble with Jeff George. Yet the coach tried to work with the quarterback known for his huge talent and bigger selfish streak. And when that didn't work out,



Schottenheimer cut George - two weeks into the season.

Problem solved. The team eventually bought into the coach's style and finished 8-8.

George's was among

one of the worst free-agent signings in the Daniel Snyder era, and that's saying something. On days like Tuesday, when Albert Haynesworth was suspended for the final four games of this season, fans can reflect on some of the toxic

Rather than trade the superstar, the coach tried a power

waste to filter in and out of D.C..

Current coach Mike Shanahan, the first true disciplinarian here since Schottenheimer, knew he had a problem in Haynesworth. But rather than trade the superstar, the coach tried a power play, forcing the player to try to conform to a 3-4 scheme. It led to the Pro Bowler's playing only on passing downs - when he was activated.

If Shanahan waited this long to make a move, perhaps he genuinely hoped Haynesworth would give up his me-first attitude. In hindsight, Shanahan should have learned from Schottenheimer's example before the season was hijacked by this soap opera.

Of course, Schottenheimer was given the boot after one year, paving the way for a decade of controversy and ineffectiveness that Shanahan is now trying to correct.



Jeremiah Trotter

Contract: Announced as seven years and \$36 million, though it was essentially a five-year, \$20 million deal.

Result: After making the Pro Bowl his last two seasons in Philly, he missed it both years in Washington. Later, he was disinvited from his third training camp. (TWP)

Other Busts

Albert Haynesworth is just the latest in a series of bad freeagent signings in the Daniel Snyder era. Here are some of the more notable bigname miscues.

Adam Archuleta

Contract: Announced as six years and \$30 million, with \$10 million guaranteed, making him the highest-paid safety in NFL history. Result: He lost his job to Troy Vincent midway through his only season in Washington. When Vincent got hurt, Vernon Fox came in, not Archuleta.



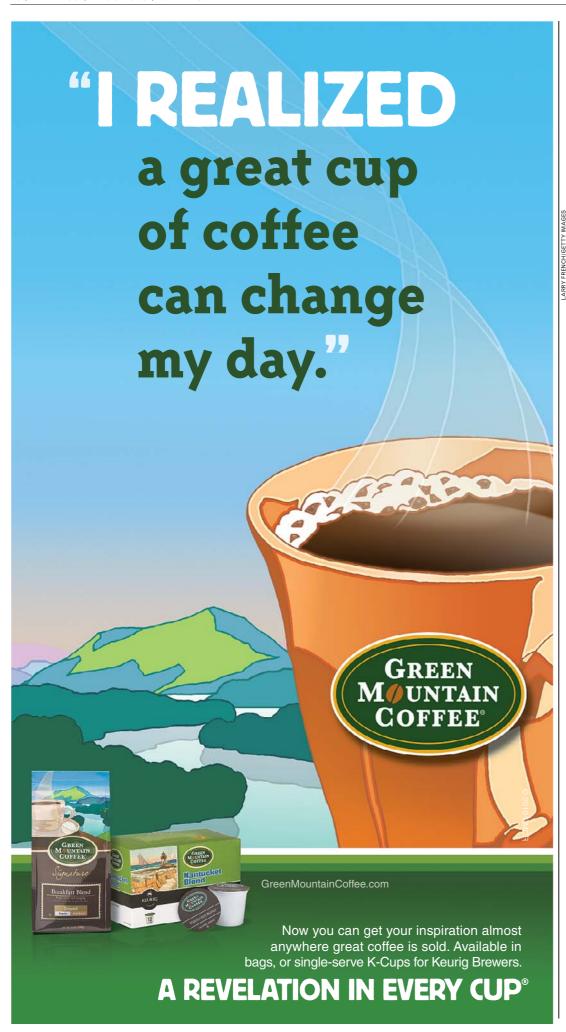
Jeff George

Contract: Signed a four-year, \$18.25 million deal to back up Brad Johnson.

Result: After a controversial first year, George was released two games into the 2001 season — with the Redskins having failed to score a touchdown and George having the lowest passer rating in the NFL.



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Sports



Ravens WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh, bottom, makes a grab against the Steelers.

Ravens' Offense **Not Taking Flight**

After loss to Steelers, team needs to ramp up sputtering attack

Pro Football

The Baltimore Ravens can still achieve all the goals they've set for this season, although coach John Harbaugh expressed concern Monday about his team's sputtering offense.

The Ravens (8-4) scored only three points over the final three quarters Sunday night in a deflating 13-10 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers. The defeat dropped Baltimore out of a first-place tie with Pittsburgh in the AFC North with four games left in the regular season.

"It's disappointing, because it | it." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

was such an opportunity for us that we probably have lost in terms of putting ourselves in position to control our destiny for that seed," Harbaugh said. "But we still have an opportunity to achieve everything from a division championship to the wild card."

For that to happen, however, Baltimore needs to ramp up a flawed attack that ground to a halt against the Steelers after Joe Flacco directed a 92-yard drive that put the Ravens up 7-0 late in the first quarter.

"I don't think we are consistent. Right now, we're not good at all on third down. A lot of that is we're in third-and-long a lot," Harbaugh said. "We've got to get better. We're not good enough on offense; there's no question about

TV Lineup

WIZARDS (10 P.M., CSN) The Wiz stay in California for a game against the Sacramento Kings.

TERPS MEN'S HOOPS (7:30 P.M., CSN) In a final tune-up before ACC

play begins, Maryland hosts UNC-Greensboro.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN2; 9 P.M., ESPN2; 9:30 P.M.,

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No. 23 Notre Dame tips off against Kentucky in a doubleheader in Louisville, Ky.; Plus, No. 1 Duke hosts Bradley at 9 p.m.

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PRO HOCKEY (7 P.M., VERSUS)

The Philadelphia Flyers hosts the San Jose Sharks.

Sports

In Brief



Rockies manager Jim Tracy collapsed during baseball winter meetings.

PRO BASEBALL

Tracy Released From Hospital After Collapse

Colorado Rockies manager Jim Tracy was released from a hospital Tuesday after mild arrhythmia caused him to collapse shortly after midnight at the baseball winter meetings. Tracy and his family headed back to their home near Bradenton in the afternoon. Rockies spokesman Jay Alves said it was not known whether Tracy had previously been diagnosed with arrhythmia — an irregular heartbeat. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Court Tosses McCourt Marital Deal on Dodgers

A judge has ruled that a postnuptial marital agreement giving sole ownership of the Los Angeles Dodgers to Frank McCourt is not valid — a decision that isn't expected to affect team operations but means the Dodgers could be shared under California community property law. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Broncos Tap Studesville

Eric Studesville was introduced as the interim coach of the Denver Broncos Tuesday, a day after the team suddenly fired Josh McDaniels. Studesville, who has served as a running backs coach in the NFL for the last decade, said his goal is to finish out a 3-9 season on a good note, promising some changes. (AP)

Shy Semin Is Making Progress

Capitals forward on pace for the best season of his career

The Capitals

On the evening he scored his third hat trick of the season, Alexander Semin stood in the Capitals' dressing room enveloped by reporters. Amid the sound of whirring fans drying sweaty equipment, Semin was asked whether he can ever predict such a successful performance.

Given an opportunity to offer insight or make a joke, the 26-year-old Russian sharpshooter chose one of his typically guarded answers.

"I'm not going to say anything," he said through an interpreter. "That's inside me. I'm not going to share that with you guys. Why should I reveal anything?"

One third of the way through his sixth season with the Capitals, Semin is on pace for a career-best campaign statistically, and although teammates say he's gradually revealing more of his reserved personality, he is still a mystery to the outside world. Whether Washington is a



A lexander Semin has found a new comfort level this season, Caps teammates say.

long-term fit for Semin, whose contract is set to expire at the end of the season, remains to be seen.

"Everything is going well here," Semin said through an interpreter in a rare one-on-one interview. "I want to continue winning, to stay here. I want to win the Cup here."

General Manager George McPhee declined to discuss where Semin might fit into Washington's long-term plans, but if the skilled winger can continue his progress on all fronts through the duration of the regular season and playoffs, he could demand more than the \$6 million he will earn from his current one-year deal.

Semin leads the Capitals with 18 goals and is among the top five scorers in the league with 33 points, and he has removed some of the doubts about his discipline after leading the Capitals in minor penalties last year. Still, he insists he has not changed anything about his game. "It's the same kind of approach," he said. "Maybe I got luckier."

But Semin's teammates say what has changed is his attitude off the ice. "He's a fun-loving kid, and I don't think many people aside from us get to see that much, because he's not doing interviews and things like that," said Brooks Laich, Semin's linemate. "He has been a little more vocal at times and I think it's just progress moving forward. ... He's been in this organization for some time now, and ... it can take awhile to be completely comfortable."

Jeter Admits Anger at Yankees

Shortstop discusses negotiations after deal is finally done

Pro Baseball

Derek Jeter can admit it now: He was definitely getting steamed at the New York Yankees.

While Jeter tried to keep talks quiet as the sides negotiated, the Yankees went public with suggestions his increasing age and decreased numbers should result in a pay cut.

At one point, Yankees general



the 36-year-old shortstop should explore other options.

manager Brian

Cashman said

"I was pretty angry about it, and I let that be

known," Jeter said Tuesday after finalizing a \$51 million, three-year

contract that cut his salary. "I was angry about it because I was the one that said I didn't want to do it. I said I was the one that wasn't going to do it."

At a news conference to announce the agreement, Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner and Cashman maintained there will be no lingering fallout. "A big happy family," Jeter said. "You move past it. It's over with, and I won't bring it up again." (AP)



"The NFL deserved a better game than that, but we weren't up to the task."

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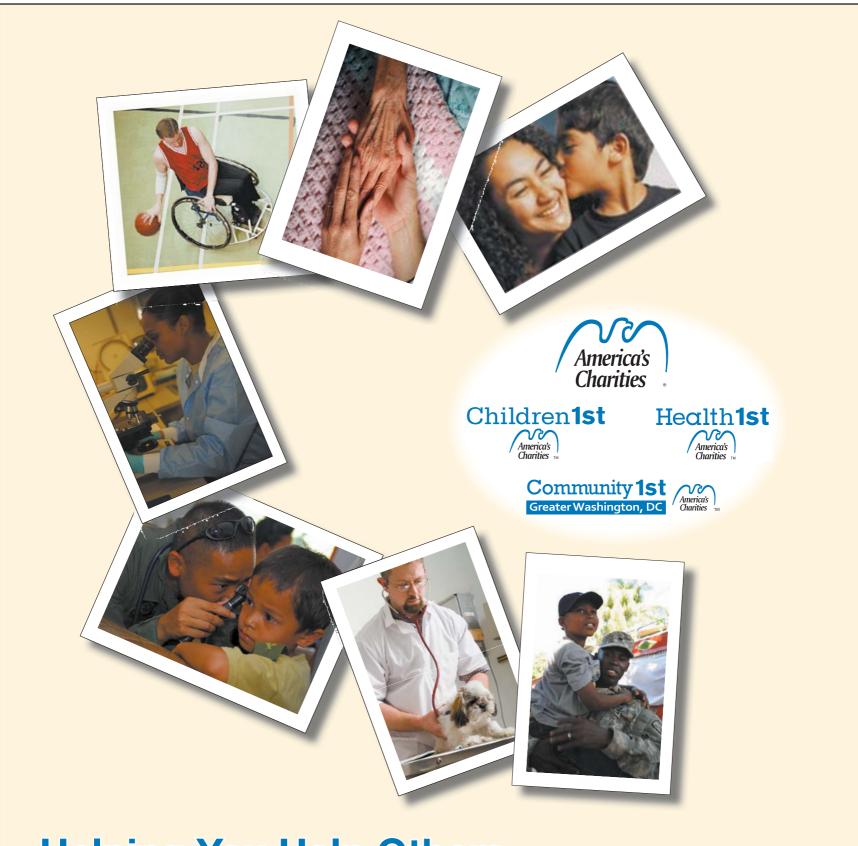
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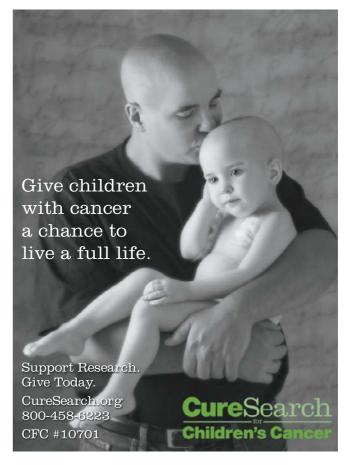
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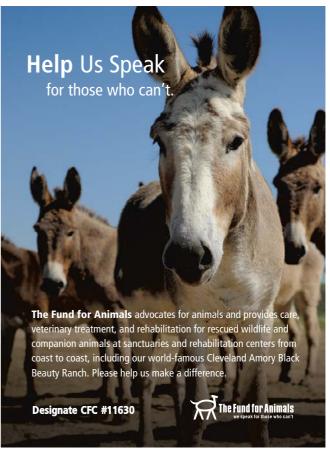


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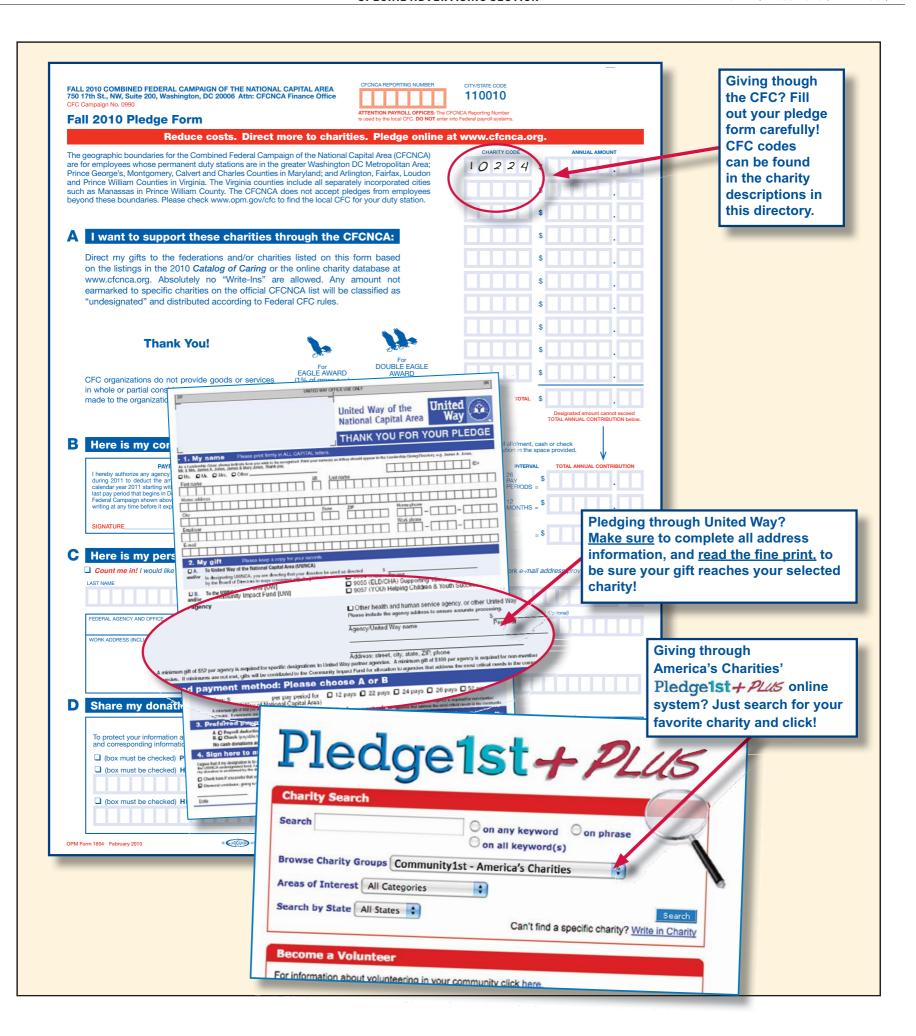
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10354 Mothers Against Drunk Driving madd.org (800) 438-6233

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11104 NAACP Legal Defense and **Educational Fund** naacpldf.org (800) 221-7822

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10355 NAACP Special Contribution Fund naacp.org (877) 622-2798

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10356 National Association of the Deaf nad.org (301) 587-1788

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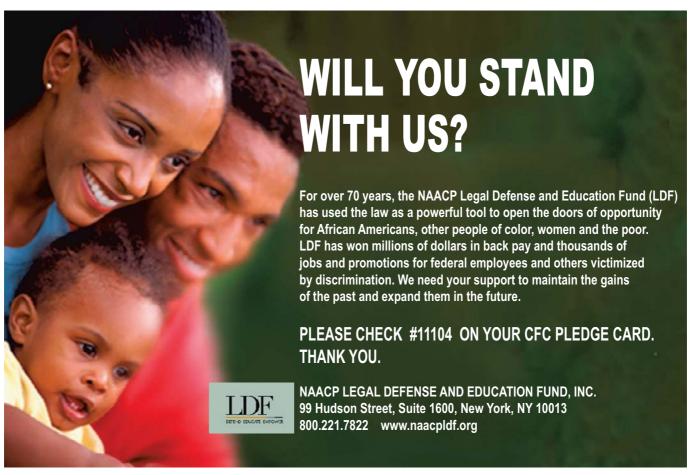
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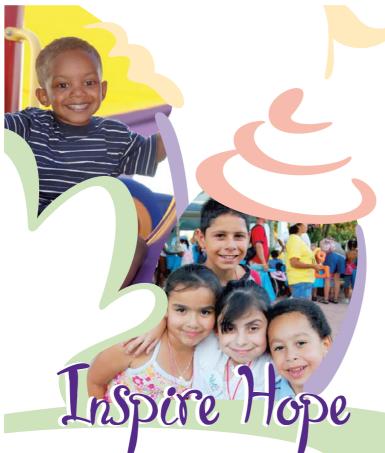
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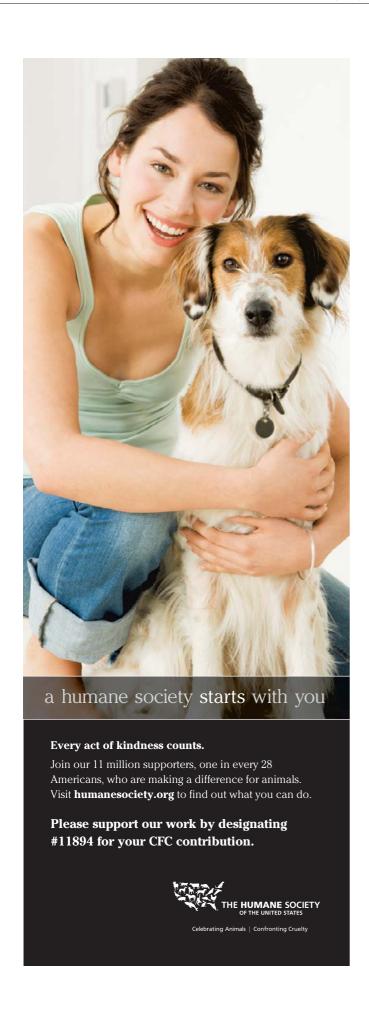
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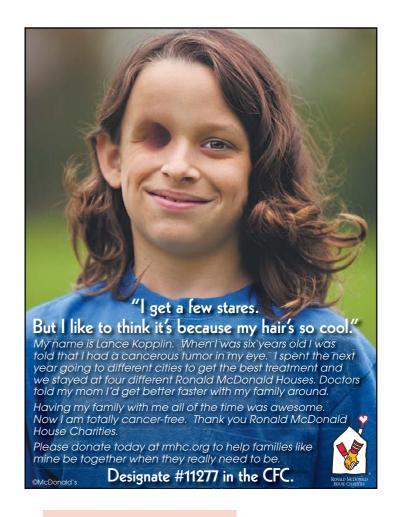
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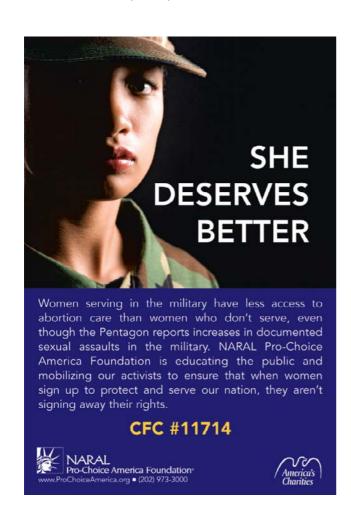
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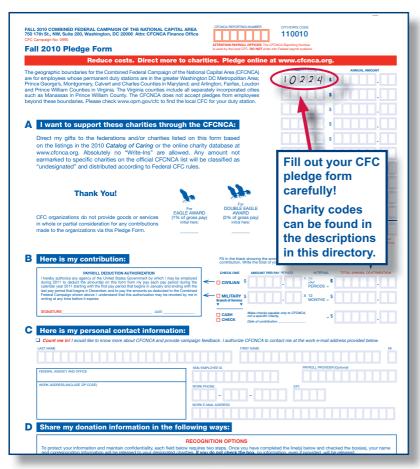
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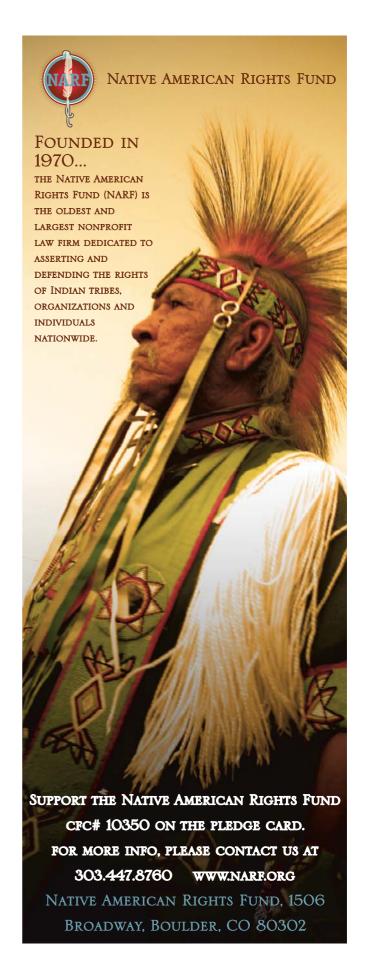
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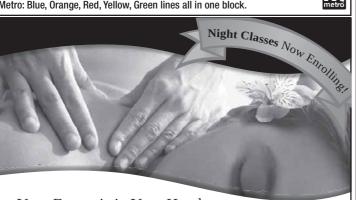
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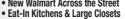
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The Next Hanson?

'Balloon Boy' forms a musical group with his two brothers **35**

Geek Philosophy



Hey, Holograms

Just when I'd made peace with the fact that 3-D is the new status quo for movies, TV and video games, I find out that real-life holograms are on the way and might be used for home entertainment within seven years, according to the New York Times.



You remember holograms, right? Actual 3-D images — no glasses required — created using lasers. When crew members of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" wanted to relax,

they'd delve into interactive movies with intelligent holograms. CNN used the techology in its 2008 election coverage, above.

The Times recently reported that holograms are being used today by the military, engineers and architects. These holograms can be either moving or still images. For moving images, a computer can record a person's actions and then send that info to another computer anywhere that projects a holographic display. For stills, lasers etch the desired image into sheets made of advanced plastics. Shine an LED light on the sheet, and up pops a hologram.

"They are so realistic that every time we show them, people try to grab them," an executive of one of the companies that makes the technology told the Times.

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2010: A Book Odyssey

In a year in which everyone from Jonathan Franzen to Justin Bieber published a book, it was easy to overload our shelves. But an embarrassment of reading riches doesn't always lead to bookworm bliss (we're looking at you, Jodi Picoult). Express staffers skimmed the fat of the bloated literary world to identify 10 of the year's best reads.

BEST OF 2010

"Union Atlantic"

By Adam Haslett (\$26, NAN A. TALESE)
This fictional account of the
financial crisis calls back to
Fitzgerald in its elegance,
without drowning in banking
jargon.

"How to Read the Air"

By Dinaw Mengestu (\$26, RIVERHEAD HARDCOVER)

Mengestu's second novel demolishes the American dream with characters who are incredibly relatable, yet only sometimes reliable.

"How Did You Get This Number"

By Sloane Crosley (\$26, RIVERHEAD HARDCOVER)

Crosley's second book of essays explains what's it's like to be a 20-something without whining, oversharing or using the phrase "I couldn't help but wonder."

"Juliet, Naked"

By Nick Hornby (\$15, RIVERHEAD TRADE) Hornby's latest novel examines relationships, regret and infatuation through the eyes of

Worst Book of 2010 "An Amish Christmas"

By Cynthia Keller (\$16, BALLANTINE)

A selfish yuppie family goes
broke, wrecks its car and is taken
in by everyone's favorite blank
slate for authors to project saintly qualities onto.

an unhappy woman, a reclusive musician and an obsessed fan.

"Half Empty"

By David Rakoff (\$25, DOUBLEDAY)
Rakoff is no rose-colored glasses kind of a writer, and in a suitable follow-up to "Fraud" and "Don't Get Too Comfortable," he reminds us that a healthy dose of realistic pessimism is often the best medicine.

"Medium Raw"

By Anthony Bourdain (\$26, RIVERHEAD HARDCOVER)

Bourdain shows a softer side in his follow-up to "Kitchen Confidential," giving us another glimpse at what makes the globetrotting chef tick.

"Monsters of Men"

By Patrick Ness (\$19, CANDLEWICK)
Aliens, talking horses, telepathy,
bombs, moral gray areas, gender
issues and more make this
trilogy-concluder 2010's most
insane young adult/sci-fi novel.

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"

By Rebecca Skloot (\$26, CROWN)
Immortality because a sample of your tumor, taken by doctors without asking before you died, produced medical science's most

popular cell line isn't as romantic as being turned into a vampire, but it's sure interesting.

"The Emperor of All Maladies"

By Siddhartha Mukherjee (\$30, SCRIBNER)

Cancer is hard to stop, multiplies fast and eats people. It's basically a zombie, but it actually exists. Thus, this history of attempts to eradicate the scourge of humanity is pants-off scary.

"The Thousand Autumns Of Jacob de Zoet"

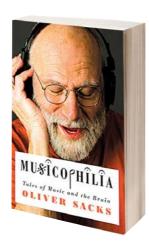
By David Mitchell (\$26, RANDOM HOUSE)

Other than an evildoer who eats — let's just say it's an unusual choice — and an entire chapter that rhymes, this is a totally normal masterpiece of contemporary literature.

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A New Nation The Rally for Sanity notwithstanding and the annual enormous game of tag aside, the inauguration of Barack Obama as president was the most momentous event most of us D.C. denizens have experienced in recent years. Though we try to act blase because we're Washingtonians, the 2008 campaign was a different animal than previous presidential horse race seasons. Now there's a documentary, "By the People," that tries to figure out why. AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 8 p.m., \$6-\$10; 301-495-6720. (Silver Spring)



He's a Music Man Though Oliver Sacks makes us feel bad about ourselves for not being brilliant polymaths, he makes up for it by writing sprightly books that make us feel as though we understand music theory and neurology despite that fact that, clearly, we don't at all, and instead spend our days reading novels and eating Christmas cookies. He'll be speaking about his latest book, "The Mind's Eye," Thursday night. Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., \$8 or two tickets free when you buy the book; 202-364-1919. (Gallery Place)

The Artist Has a Voice In preparation for his term as artist in residence at the Corcoran, John Alexander will be giving a talk called "The Nature of Art," which is about his career. So, it's actually about the nature of his art, which is fine! His abstract paintings are beautiful and clever, as long as you like abstract art. Corcoran Gallery, 500 17th St. NW: Thu., 7 p.m., \$10; 202-639-1700. (Farragut West)







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Mediocre 'Mercy'

On his newest disc, T.I. is still having fun, but the thrill is gone

Album Review

Is there any other rapper who enjoys his job more than T.I.? On hits such as "Whatchu Know" and "Whatever You Like," the Atlanta rapper sounds like he's having a blast putting words together, as if he's just discovered this thing called hip-hop. The actual content of his raps may tend toward pedestrian, but, really, it doesn't even matter what he says. While other emcees may have more to talk about, very few can convey that same sense of fun.

So, why is his latest album, "No Mercy," such a drag? There are moments when the old T.I. shows up, grinning as he stutter-speaks

through the Kanye-produced "Welcome to the World" or describes his outfit in great detail on "I Can't Help It." And the sing-song chorus of "Big Picture" is like a big playground for him, as he finds all new ways to big-up himself. It's a blast and a surefire hit.



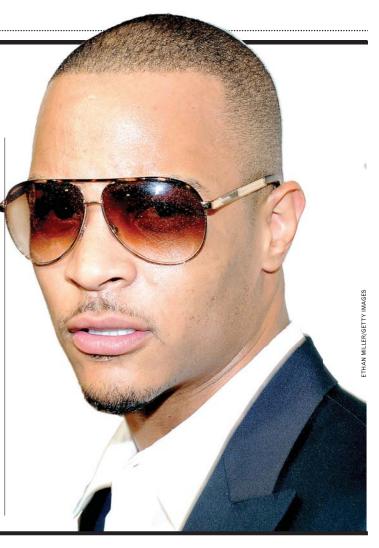
No Mercy

Still, such big, enjoyable moments are few and far between on "No Mercy," which typically flatlines on expensive beats, uninteresting raps and uninvested self-importance. He wastes the Neptunes' old-school jump-rope rhythm on "So Amazing," and even the increasingly grim Eminem sounds like he's having more fun on "That's All She Wrote," expounding hilariously on

The content of his raps may tend toward pedestrian, but, really, it doesn't even matter what he says.

A&W hot dogs and McDonald's as a legit restaurant.

Maybe prison is the problem (the rapper is currently serving an 11-month prison sentence for violating probation; he previously served 10 months behind bars on federal weapons charges). On this disc, T.I. views his incarceration with pride, as a career-defining event that proves success hasn't changed him. His insistence on these themes, however, sinks "No Mercy" more often than saves it. STEPHEN M. DEUSNER



Music Giveaway

Government Reissue

When people think of D.C.'s music scene, they think Dischord Records. They think Fugazi. They think politics and punks. But all that started somewhere a little more free-form, in the early '80s. It started with a handful of friends and bands playing music that borrowed from heavy metal, British punk and psychedelic rock. One of those bands was **GOVERNMENT ISSUE**.



Predictably, tickets went fast when Government Issue announced in August the whole band would reunite for the first time in 21 years for a benefit show. Saturday's sold-out reunion gig at the Black Cat will bring together the band's final lineup, which included singer John Stabb, guitarist Tom Lyle, bassist J. Robbins and drummer Peter Moffett.

"I was blown away to find out that 500 pre-sold tickets had sold," Stabb says. "If we don't put on a great friggin' show, then I should just retire my old punk ass." Ahead of Saturday's reunion show, Express contributor Tony Sclafani asked the band to share an oral history of their glory days. Look for it Thursday in Weekend Pass.

In the meantime, Dischord Records has given Express 10 free downloads of the new reissue of Government Issue's 1982 disc, "Boycott Stabb: The Complete Session."

Feelin' lucky, punk? Go to Expressnightout.com and comment about your first punk show in D.C. The first/best comments get a free record. (EXPRESS)

Cowboys and Trekkies

DVD Review

William Shatner is hilarious. We've known it for years, whether it was his super-serious attitude on the original "Star Trek" or his cari-



cature of himself in those Priceline commercials but you'll gain a far greater appreciation for it with "Trek Stars Go West," a collection of TV shows

and films that starred "Star Trek" actors in Westerns before and during their time in fake space. Shatner as a peyote-smoking half-white, half-Comanche sociopath is probably the greatest thing you've ever seen the former Capt. Kirk do—you know, in a bad way.

That absurdity is just the kind of delight this Video Services Corp.

"Trek Stars Go West"

- ➤ Stars: William Shatner, DeForest Kelley, Leonard Nimoy, James Doohan
- ► In a Nutshell: TV and movie Westerns featuring "Star Trek" stars.
- ▶ Extras: Featured TV shows include "Outlaws," "Bonanza," "Tate" and "The Lone Ranger."

release (\$17) offers, with a focus on Shatner, Leonard Nimoy (Spock), DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy) and James Doohan (Montgomery "Scotty" Scott).

For "Trek" fans, it's a silly expenditure — the production values aren't great, there aren't any special features, and the black-and-white is frustratingly grainy. All those flaws withstanding, though, you'll certainly laugh at Nimoy as a philosophical, violent Coman-

che warrior or at Kelley as a dazed, East Coast-educated ranch owner who is saved by the Lone Ranger. Nerds, rejoice.

The set comes in two discs, with the first including a 1960 episode of Western TV show "Tate," featuring Nimoy; a 1960 episode of "Bonanza" with Nimoy; and two episodes of "Outlaws," starring Shatner.

The second disc includes the 1968 film "White Comanche," starring Shatner as both good white guy Johnny Moon and bad guy Notah, a half-Comanche warrior who hates shirts but loves face paint. Shatner's ability to ham it up as Notah (who says gems like, "The pale eyes will die!") keeps the film hilarious through its hour-and-a-half run time. Camp has always been Shatner's best quality, and in "White Comanche," he oozes it — making "Trek Stars Go West" a totally necessary novelty. ROXANA HADIDI

TV tonight lookout

The Skeptic in Chief

Obama promotes science lessons on a 'Mythbusters' cameo

Guest Appearance

a cameo appearance on a new episode of "Mythbusters" tonight. Hosts Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage visit the president at the White House, where he praises the show for its entertaining celebration of sci-

ence and experimentation, and

asks the guys to revisit a project

President Obama makes

from the show's past. President Obama doesn't think they tried hard enough to prove or disprove the legend of the ancient Greek scientist Archimedes, who is said to have instructed troops to



Obama talks science with "Mythbusters" Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage.

set fire to an invading Roman fleet using only mirrors and the reflected rays of the sun.

So, Adam and Jamie return to the project, equipped with 500 mirrors and an "army" of 500 highschool students eager to reflect new light on the old story.

By appearing on "Myth-

busters," the president reaffirms his support for science education but walks a rather fine line. Is he right in reaching out to people via a fractured cable audience? Or is he demeaning the majesty of the office on a goofy show on which stuff often gets blown up? KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets





The Middle Much to Mike's dismay, Frankie's parents come to town to spend the holidays with the Hecks. Frankie is unhappy, too, when she tries to make it a simple Christmas that de-emphasizes gifts, and her mom and dad have distinctly different ideas. Atticus Shaffer, left, also stars.



Modern Family As Luke and Manny prepare for their first school dance, Jay and Phil take the boys on a mall run that becomes quite stressful. Mitch and Cam are horrified to learn that Lily is biting other kids on the playground. Julie Bowen and Sofia Vergara also star.



Cougar Town Jules (Courteney Cox, right) hopes Bobby can regain his confidence by fixing up his boat and getting it back into the water. While looking for some dirt on Grayson, Ellie uncovers a hilarious fact about



MANswers The "dude trivia" show that answers burning questions that regular guys need to know opens a new season. On tap are such provocative issues as what kind of people meat cannibals prefer to eat, whether there's a secret weapon for winning beer pong and what kind of dog attracts the ladies. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Material Moguls

In "Fashion Forward: Making It Young" (9 p.m. on CW), celebrities and designers get a behindthe-scenes look at what it takes to succeed in, and put their personal stamp on, the fashion industry. The special includes segments on building a business and a brand, and the creation of designs. Among the clothing lines and designers featured are rocker/fashion designer Gwen Stefani, above: Marcus Wainwright and David Neville; and Alexander Wang and Tory Burch. "Twilight" actress Ashley Greene hosts. (TM)

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Frosting the Snowman

Break out your baking sheets. Dust off your apron.

Tis the season for culinary enthusiasts and Betty Crocker box mix devotees alike (not judging!) to participate in the annual tradition of holiday baking, the perfect excuse to snack on sugar-coated gingerbread snowmen, truffles and meringue. The latest baking books are packed with creative ideas for holiday desserts — and enough photographic eye candy to send you into a mental sugar coma before you even turn on the oven. KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)



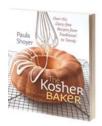




Erin Bolger adds personality to her recipes for sugar cookies, top left, and candy cane bark, right. Nick Malgieri offers many variations on his brownies, bottom left.

"The Kosher Baker"

By Paula Shoyer (\$35, Brandeis)



Washington-based cookbook author and pastry instructor Paula Shoyer whips up a hefty and comprehensive collection of dairy-free desserts in "The Kosher Baker." The book is conveniently divided into

easy, intermediate and advanced recipes, and includes traditional Jewish specialties such as Challah and Hamentaschen, and more inventive creations such as brownie pops. Shoyer's nosugar-added and low-sugar recipes also make "The Kosher Baker" a valuable cookbook for eaters with restricted diets.

Taste-tested: The (very) sweet and satisfyingly crisp Amaretto Cookies were a hit with dinner guests — even nut-averse friends.

Tempting: The recipe for jelly doughnuts — a dessert often enjoyed during Hanukkah — would come in handy at a holiday brunch.

"Baked Explorations"

By Matt Lewis and Renato Poliafito (\$30, Stewart Tabori & Chang)



Brooklyn bakery owners Matt Lewis and Renato Poliafito set out to rehabilitate "abandoned desserts" such as chiffon cake and Boston cream pie in this photo-filled nostalgia trip. Besides ample sections on

breakfast pastries, pies and cakes, the cookbook has some ambitious ideas for holiday cookies, including the Salt-n-Pepper Sandwich Cookies, a modern twist on Oreos; and Speculas, a version of Delta Airlines' Biscoff cookies.

Taste-tested: The Andes candies-laced Chocolate Mint Thumbprints were the perfect party contribution, despite their somewhat complicated and time-consuming recipe.

Intriguing: Pumpkin Cheddar Muffins, in which cheese meets gourd, cayenne and black pepper. The flavor combo sounds weirdly appetizing.

"Bake!"

By Nick Malgieri (\$30, Kyle Books)

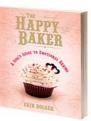


With a range of cookbooks and years of teaching and professional baking experience under his belt, Nick Malgieri goes back to basics in his newest recipe collection. Detailed instructions on techniques

lead each section; 20 chapters cover every sort of baked good, from scones to rolled cookies. Step-by-step photos are helpful for newbies. Suggestions for recipe variations and storage are extra-useful touches for chefs of all levels. Taste-tested: We mixed up a batch of Malgieri's all-purpose muffins, and then followed his tips for adding apple jam. The result was an underwhelming, ordinary muffin. The Sweet Pastry Dough, however, made a perfectly crisp, golden crust for our Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. Festive fare: Swiss Bull's Eyes and Butter Rosettes would be welcome at many a cookie swap.

"The Happy Baker: A Girl's Guide to Emotional Baking"

By Erin Bolger (\$18, Harlequin)



With the very personal inspiration of Bolger's own dating challenges and disasters, "The Happy Baker" could have been sappy.
Fortunately, Bolger doesn't take herself too seriously, presenting a quirky set of

sweets for indulging a girl's broken (or just bored) heart. The laugh-out-loud names of her recipes include You Break-a My Heart, I Bake-a My (banana) Pie; My Mom Didn't Like You Anyway, Cupcake; and Bite My Peanut Brittle, Bi-Atch. Concise directions accompany each recipe in the book, which Bolger first self-published in Canada. Taste-tested: Our batch of Dating Ain't Easy, Gingerbread Biscotti had a satisfying balance of sweet and spicy, topped with white chocolate. Tempting: We'd love to receive a plate of the super-simple Candy Cane Bark (hint, hint, hint).



Gifts to Make Your Stomach Grumble: The holiday cookie plate is a BIG DEAL for some people (e.g., our mom). If baking a batch (or 10) of cookies is your idea of a good time, too, check out Lauren Chattman's "Cookie Swap!" (\$15, Workman), which contains 71 recipes, including the decadent Ganache-Glazed Brownie Bites. Gingerbread lovers can take their decorating to the next level with Joanna Farrow's "Dress Your Gingerbread" (\$15, Octopus Books). With dozens of suggestions for frosting "outfits," the book would make a fun stocking stuffer for a kid. And creative cooks should check out Diane Morgan's "Gifts Cooks Love" (\$25, Andrews McMeel Publishing), which brims with edible DIY presents. Coolest idea: Seven-Month Vanilla Extract, which is made by infusing rum and vodka with vanilla beans. κ.Α.

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70%

"I've already spent a lot

on myself this season ... mostly because there are a lot of groupbuys that happen around the holidays for car-related parts."

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"What money? Between inflation and no raise, effectively a pay cut, I have no money to spend on anyone, not even myself. I am only purchasing the necessities. Ramen noodles are looking better and better, but even they are going up in price."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

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contemporary novel by a woman since Ann-Marie McDonald's 'Fall on Your Knees'?"

-BEATRICE.COM ISN'T QUITE SURE WHAT THE REASONS FOR THE MEDIA MOGUL'S READING SUGGESTIONS ARE.



"Confession time: We're not huge country music fans ... but we're beginning to get into the glitter and glitz that goes into getting dressed for them."

- HUFFINGTONPOST.COM WAS GLAD TO SEE THE FIRST AMERICAN COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS, WHICH WAS HELD ON MONDAY NIGHT IN LAS VEGAS.

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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A coworker may point out something to you that should have been obvious — if you had been paying attention. It's time to catch up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You've been skipping around a bit and not tending to things in the proper order, but there are benefits to enjoy as a result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Someone you hold in high esteem may actually disappoint you a bit, but recovery should be quick. No permanent damage is done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A casual, even routine discussion is likely to be charged with undertones that make things far more interesting than usual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll be happy with the news you hear from a family member far from home, but one or two concerns may still bubble to the surface.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You may have trouble justifying any extra expenses, especially to someone who is watching over the funds with great care.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may suddenly find yourself with an hour or two to kill in the middle of the day. If so, you don't want the time to go to waste.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

What begins in a lighthearted manner may quickly become much more serious in tone as you realize the darker implications.

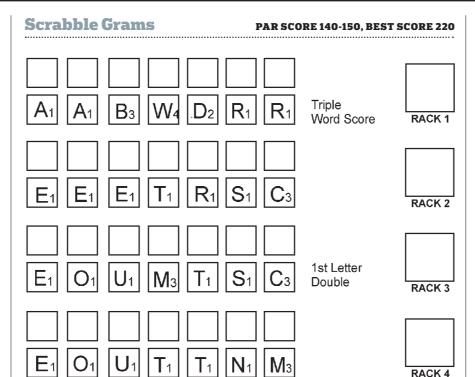
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A discussion of the possibilities leads you to a realization about the way you use your time. You can increase your efficiency.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A last-minute revelation may have you changing your mind more than once as you weigh the pros and cons of a wild idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll be relieved by what you hear about another's well-being, but don't let down your guard too much or too soon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone in your care is likely to express the need for more independence. Are you in the right place to grant it - or must he or she wait?





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Yesterday's Solution

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MAN WHO'S

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LIFE. THE WORLD.

EVERYTHING. SO NOW

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ABOVE IT.



DON'T WAIT UP.

Forecast



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Today: Mostly sunny and cold today. Mainly clear tonight.



Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and cold tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead







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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:14 a.m. Sunset today: 4:46 p.m. Moonrise today: 9:39 a.m. Moonset today: 7:45 p.m.

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Crossword **NO RUNNING**

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ACROSS

- 1 Lofgren who plays with Bruce
- 5 Quaint footwear
- 10 Draws away from shore
- 14 Attending to the matter
- 15 Red River capital
- 16 Rubber cement, e.a.
- 17 Big bird of Chile
- 18 Hardly sure-handed
- 19 Saintly emanation
- 20 They aren't triage priorities
- 23 "A Lesson from ____,"
- (Fugard drama)
- 24 Aromatherapy setting 25 Quilting event
- 27 Row wood
- 28 Centers of activity
- 32 Some silverware
- 34 Club music genre
- 36 Diana or Betsy
- 37 Easy mark
- 40 Sanction wrongdoing
- 42 Jai alai missile
- 43 Delight in cruelty
- 46 What homeowners don't
- 47 Lawyers' org.
- 50 School open-house organizer
- 51 Band-___(first-aid kit item)
- 53 Chalet overhangs
- 55 Permanent military
- nrocedures
- 60 Dubai leader
- 61 Command to a horse
- 62 Now aware of 63 Wasn't sturdy
- 64 Cast out
- 65 Germany's ____ Valley 66 Binary code parts
- 67 Compensable wrongs
- 68 Without a hair out of
- nlace

DOWN

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1 Country of fjords

- 2 Doctor's directive
- 3 Stay off the radar
- 4 Tent-pitching need
- 5 Splint's locale, perhaps
- 6 Feeling of hunger 7 Again from the top
- 8 Maps for hikers
- 9 Tummy exercises
- 10 "Heavens!"
- 11 Place for a student's
- 12 Stressful concerns
- 13 breeze (vodka) cocktail)
- 21 Archipelago feature
- 22 Kindergarten break
- 26 Suffix with "steward"
- 29 Good mo. for candy
- companies

30 China defect

64

67

- 31 Word with "tube"
- 33 1977 whale of a tale
- 34 Long-tailed monkey
- 35 Glance at provocatively
- 37 Drug that reduces
- excitability
- 38 Mafia hoss
- 39 Express verbally
- 40 Killer snake
- 41 Cricket player
- 44 ___ Simeon, Calif.
- 45 Car-racing class
- 47 Manhattan, Äôs Park,
- 48 Big ___ (WWI gun)
- 49 Separate by type
- 52 Zorro's real first name
- 54 Embellish

56 Greek god of war

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- 57 When pigs fly, to poets
- 58 Burst of wind
- 59 Declines (with "out of")
- 60 Sense of self

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<mark>Today</mark> in History

1854 POPE FINANCIA THE Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

The U.S. enters World War II as Congress declares war against Japan.

Rock star John Lennon is shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.



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Queen of Graceful Aging **Blesses Her Subjects**

Helen Mirren and Katie Couric told personal stories to inspire a group of Hollywood power brokers at the annual Power 100 Women in Entertainment Breakfast. The two were featured speakers at the gathering Tuesday at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Halle Berry presented Mirren with the Sherry Lansing Leadership Award in recognition of her personal and professional integrity. (AP)

INVASIVE

Radar: Now Monitoring Your GF's Menstrual Cycle

Michael Phelps' alleged girlfriend, Brittny Gastineau, a reality star (E!'s "Gastineau Girls" and "Filthy Rich: Cattle Drive") and jewelry designer, was seen buying a pregnancy test over the weekend, Radaronline.com reported. "She is so late and very worried," an unnamed source said. Guests at a party she attended noted that she drank only soda. (EXPRESS)



This photo with this story brings to mind the term "strong swimmer."



'We're Sorry, We **Meant to Oppress** A Regular Person!'

Kevin Smith blogged about another run-in with an airline, this time Virgin America. Smith says he, his wife and a friend were told they were too late to board a plane that still had 10 minutes of boarding time. He was rebooked, and Virgin sent him a "lovely, apologetic e-mail, full refund for flight, free tix offer," (EXPRESS)

YOUR DAD STAGES A TASTELESS HOAX AND YOU'RE

Famous Forever

Falcon Heene, the boy whose father told police he had floated away inside a helium balloon, will front a band comprising his two brothers, Bradford and Ryo, with his parents, Richard and Mayumi, as possible backup musicians, Radaronline.com reported. This is according to "family friend and professional musician" Smokey Miles. "They wanted to call themselves the Balloon Boy Band, but for





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Alicia Keys, Lady Gaga, Usher, Ryan Seacrest, Kim Kardashian and others can get back online, thanks to donations from fans and a philanthropist. Keys announced Monday that Keep a Child Alive reached its \$1 million goal. Several celebrities signed off Twitter and Facebook last Wednesday and asked their fans to donate; when \$1 million was raised, they would go back online. They

> raised \$500,000, and a philanthropist matched it. (AP)

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